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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement made by a spokesman of the Government of Japan on 28 February regarding the proposal for a cease-fire and the liberation of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if the text were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yoshio HATANO
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations

Annex

Statement dated 28 February 1991 by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on the proposal for a cease-fire and the liberation of Kuwait

1. The Government of Japan heartily welcomes the proposal for the cease-fire. It also expresses its heartfelt congratulations to the Government and the people of Kuwait on the liberation of their country. At the same time, Japan wishes to express its profound respect to the people of Kuwait, to the soldiers of the multinational forces and to all those who have made considerable sacrifice for the liberation of Kuwait.

2. The liberation of Kuwait has been achieved through the solidarity and cooperation of the international community, including, in particular, the countries participating in the multinational forces. The Government of Japan sincerely desires that true international peace and security in the Gulf region will now be achieved.

3. Japan strongly hopes that Iraq accepts the proposal for the cease-fire, which reflects the collective will of the international community, and to cooperate for the restoration of peace in the Gulf region.

4. Japan, which has actively supported the efforts of the international community for the restoration of peace and has also extended support to the Frontline countries, intends to continue to cooperate positively for the achievement of peace and security in the Gulf region, including the restoration and reconstruction of Kuwait.